Remarks from the Principal
The Sixth Commencement
Patricia Mulroy
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Welcome, and good afternoon. I would like to thank all the parents and family members today for creating a special and dignified ceremony for our outstanding 2006 graduates. I would also like to extend a heartfelt thanks to Mr. Richard Bryant, Mr. Joe Gayda and Nelson of the Mountain Laurel Center and their staff for the hospitality and collaboration they have extended to East Stroudsburg High School North. Additionally, I would like to thank the Mountain Laurel Center for providing our graduates with tickets to a later show.

I would also like to thank Mrs. Simerson, Mrs. Baughman, Mrs. Laverdure, Miss Frank, Miss Swineford, and Miss Gulstrand for their hard work, and those also noted in the program this afternoon, for the exquisite floral decorations that you see here tonight. Teamwork had helped us make this graduation special and dignified.

I would also like to thank Mr. Cole, our Board President; Mr. Motts, our Board Vice President; and Mr. Karkut for being here tonight, as well as our school board. Dr. Heath and her central administration team for their leadership and unending encouragement in our student's education. We are also grateful to Mr. Parks, Mr. Tripler, our faculty and staff, as well as you, our family and friends, for the assistance and perseverance in preparation for this very, very special day.

Now, Class of 2006. I can hardly believe all that you have accomplished in your years with East Stroudsburg. You are very special individuals to all of us and very special class to me. Last week I was speaking with some students and one gentleman reminded me that this class of students was the last that I had the opportunity to teach. Well, I have to tell you, you have been my teacher this year. Each of you embraced our school and created an atmosphere of caring, cooperation, tolerance, and commitment to excellence. You tried everything we asked, assemblies, educational programs, school spirit activities, meetings, and of course, your studies. You all pitched in as leaders for underclassmen. No one person did all the work and no one person took the credit. Your example throughout this year has been an inspiration in creating excellence.

You are on target for success. You work well with others, you pitch in when needed, and you participate in our community. Our world and our community will be better because each of you will participate. You make this a better place to live. Thank you so much for making us proud and being leaders, each in your own way. I wish you all great happiness, health, and success in the future.

In closing, keep these words from the famous Cicero in mind: "The life given us by nature is short, but the memory of a well-spent life is eternal."

Be well, my Class of 2006, and congratulations.